**Understanding Cancer 5 Paragraph Essay**

**Assignment:** Please write a 5-paragraph essay answering ONE of the following questions. The attached article is an introduction to the topic, but you will need to research the answer to the questions in the library or online.

**Grading:** I will be grading you on the following criteria…

1. Your answer must be complete, with all of the parts of the question included.
2. Your paper must be organized as if you were writing for your English class. Please make sure that the order of your paper makes sense. The first paragraph should be an introduction, followed by three supporting paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.
3. The paper must be typed double-spaced. If you do not have access to a computer, please neatly hand-write the paper and I will give you a minor deduction in points.
4. **YOUR OWN WRITING-Please make sure that the content of your paper is your own words and sentences. DO NOT copy and paste from anywhere as you will fail your paper.**
5. Resources – Please include a list of references for your paper. Google and Ask.com are NOT references. If you need help with these, please see your English teacher or me. This citation maker will help you with your references: <http://www.oslis.org/resources/cm/mlacitationss>

**EXTRA CREDIT**

You may complete a second paper for extra credit. Answer both questions in two separate papers for extra credit.

**Question 1**

Use library resources or the Internet to research factors that increase the risk of cancer.

-Describe some of the risk factors that increase the risk of cancer.

-Why are factors in lifestyle (the way you live) or the environment difficult to

identify?

-How can people protect themselves from exposure to known risk factors?

**Question 2**

The type, size, and location of a person’s cancer determines which cancer treatment is most appropriate for that person. A patient should take an active part in researching and developing an informed treatment plan. Using library resources or the Internet, research and identify some therapies used to treat cancer. What are some advantages and disadvantages to these treatments?